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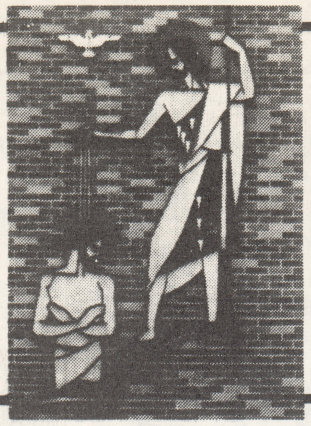


Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

High School Penance Preparation

During the past week, high school students participating in the Area Religious Education Program had an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Christ's forgiveness in preparation for Christmas. Pictured above, one group of our high school students discuss the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Sister Gail, before going to the church where confessions were heard. Elementary religious education students participated in Communal Penance services at Thanksgiving time.

Hopefully, this notice will serve as a reminder to the adult members of our parish so that many may plan to attend our Advent Penance Service which will be held this coming Friday evening December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Neighboring priests will assist Fr. Jerry and myself at the Penance Service this Friday. Among those visiting priests who will be available for private confession, will be Fr. Darin and Fr. Ben from the U. of M. Chaplaincy, Fr. Bill Meyers, pastor of St. Thomas, Fr. Pat Jackson, pastor of St. Patrick's, and Fr. Larry Delaney, newly-assigned chaplain at Holy Trinity.

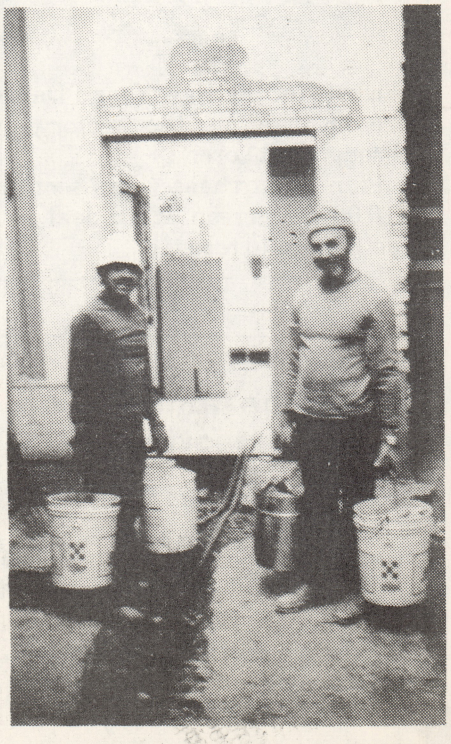
We would also urge that 7th and 8th grade students also participate in this Penance Service since schedule conflicts prevented us from holding a special confession time for the junior high school students prior to Christmas.

A New Kitchen in the Making

During the past week, Mr. Don Randazzo and Mr. Bob Gillman armed themselves with air hammers and began breaking up the cement floor in the new kitchen area of the church hall in preparation for new sewage lines in that area. Mr. Dick Delano will install the new lines.

During its meeting held last Wednesday evening, the Administration Commission made plans to proceed with the kitchen renovation as available funds allow. Contracts will be issued for the new floor surface in the kitchen area, and for the exhaust air system in the kitchen according to the requirements of the County Health Department.

As I mentioned in my column last week, a balance of $9,070.29 remained in the Renovation Fund as of December 1st. At the parish council's monthly meeting last Monday evening, the Service Commission of our parish presented a check in the amount of $3,000.00 to be deposited in the Renovation Fund. We are most grateful to the Service Commission members for the donation which represents hundreds of work hours by those members on various projects.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 14th
1st Reading:
Is. 61:1-2, 10-11
2nd Reading:
1 Thess. 5:16-24
Gospel:
Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28
Sunday, December 21st
1st Reading:
2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
2nd Reading:
Rom. 16:25-27
Gospel:
Lk. 1:26-38

Tickets for the New Year's Dance are on sale at the rectory or through Bill Lorenz.

Plan to purchase yours soon at $10.00 per person. It's a deal you can't afford to resist!

Service Commission Meeting

Due to the proximity of the Christmas season, it was voted to have the Service Commission Meeting on Dec. 15th, one week earlier than the usual date. Those who serve on this Commission in any capacity are free to attend.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent B. Pulsinelli

Vincent B. Pulsinelli of Ann Arbor and Deborah Ann Heath of Ypsilanti solemnized their convenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday evening, December 6, 1975 in our church.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pulsinelli of Detroit. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heath, Sr., 256 Hewitt Road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stripp, Jr., also of Ypsilanti, were the main attendants. George also served the Liturgy as Lector. Miss Marie Stachlewitz was the organist. Jim Eberts was the acolyte.

The newly-weds will be members of this parish. Congratulations, Vince and Debbie!

Singles

Plan to spend this New Year's Eve with the SCA (Single Catholic Adults) at the St. John's New Year's Eve Party. Cost $10 per person for beer, set-ups, noisemakers and hats. Reservations by December 20th. Call Sue at 482-1942.

A Design For Dedication

The Dominican Laity will meet in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church on Monday, December 15, 1975 at 7:30 p.m.

A question and answer period - For all men and women over 18 who wish to explore a new dimension in a faith-extension experience.

Baby's Need

Do you have a crib for a baby who doesn't have one? Please contact PROBLEM PREGNANCY, 769-7283 or Ginny Alton 483-0560.

St. Vincent De Paul Report - November, 1975

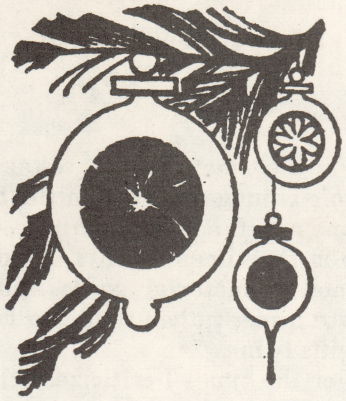
Transportation	4
Food Purchases	2
Food Cupboard	8
Bill Payment	2
Process of Law	1
Referral Made	1
White Elephant Orders	3
Thanksgiving Dinners	5
Families Given Assistance	20
Parishioners Aided	6
Neighboring Parishioner Aid	1
Money Spent ($180 Thanksgiving)	$270.00
Thanksgiving Dinner Donations	$180.00
Thanksgiving Collection	$303.45
Nov. White Elephant Sale	$100.90
Nov. Pancake Breakfast	$81.75

November Food Collection also held.

Christmas Schedule

FRIDAY, December 19th
Penance Service - 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, December 20th
Confessions - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 21st
Church Decoration - 2:30 p.m.
Potluck - 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, December 23rd
Confessions - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, December 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE
Confessions - 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Family Mass - 7:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - Midnight
Preceeded by Carols and Tree Blessing - 11:30 p.m.
BROADCAST ON WPAG FROM 11:30 to 1:00
THURSDAY, December 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY
Masses at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, December 31st
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Vigil Masses - 5:00 p.m.
Also 8:00 p.m., an ideal time for those to attend who are coming to the NEW YEAR'S DANCE at 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, January 1st
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
NO 7:00 A.M. MASS TODAY

Church Christmas Decoration Sunday, December 21st



Beginning at 2:30 p.m., church decoration will be starting.

AREAS OF WORK INCLUDE:
Decoration of church
Cleaning of church
food preparation and serving
work with youth in church hall or school

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. All children, pre-school through Gr. 6 will go to the Religion Center for activities there. Any parent or high school student who would like to help in this area, please call Sr. Sheila at 483-6378 to offer help.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Practice for the Christmas Eve Mass for children Grades 1-6 in the Religion Center.

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Children who need to be tended to should be dropped off at the Babysitting Room, Rm. 5 of the Religion Center. Any mothers or high school students wishing to help babysit, please contact Sr. Carol at 483-3360 to offer help.

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Grades 7 and 8 will meet in the church hall where Sr. Carol will coordinate decorating.

2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Grades 9-12 may either help with the younger children or work in the church proper.

WE DO HOPE THAT THIS WILL HELP YOU DETERMINE YOUR AREA OF WORK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st. POTLUCK WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

All families of the parish are invited to take an active part in this Mass. The time is 7:00 p.m., December 24. The Liturgy has been set at this time because of popular request!

ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH, PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS, ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE PLAY WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD. The following are practice times:

Sunday, December 21 - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, December 22 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
(Tuesday, December 23 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. if necessary)

Children must attend these practices since there will be special songs and staging especially for them. If there are any questions, please call Sr. Sheila at the Religion Center (483-6378) or the convent (483-3408).

(If anyone would like to help with the staging, costuming, and general production of this event, please contact Sr. Sheila also.)

Examination of Conscience For Communal Penance Service

Friday, December 19, 1975

We have been asked to make this examination of conscience available to you before the Penance Service, so that you would have time to reflect on it during the week as you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be 7 priests available for confessions at this time; that's **Friday, December 19, at 7:30.**

- For the times that I took credit for what happened in my life, rather than realizing that it is the Lord working in me:
- For failing to pray because we had other things to do that seemed more important;
- For my failure to see my own true worth;
- For ignoring the successes of other people, because of my pride;
- For the times that I have taken the role of judge away from the Father and put it in my own hands;
- For the times when I acted as if money, material goods and time are mine, rather than the Fathers gifts to me:
- For the times I criticized others to build myself up;
- For my failure to make time to listen to others, and my lack of empathy for their feelings;
- For the times that I was not faithful to my family, my friends, and my God;
- For being self-centered and desiring things to go **MY** way;
- For the times I let discouragement and anxiety overpower me;
- For not going out of our way to help others because we might be hurt or because it was too much trouble;
- For the times that we didn't take time to spend with our families and just enjoy the gift of God that they are to us;
- For the times that we find it so hard to forgive; especially our own faults that we seem to see so readily in others;
- For the times that I really don't try to avoid temptations that I know I have trouble living with;
- For the times that we react rather than act out of love;
- For our failure to take risks and make sacrifices, because we want a tension-free life;
- For not being understanding and patient with others, as I want them to be with me;

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING:	5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:	7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY:	7:00 & 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
DAILY:	7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
	2:30 Parkview Home Monday
	5:15 p.m. Tuesday ... 9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.

WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30 - 4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.

COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As announced

MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.

COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL:	9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY:	Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH:	Released Time a.m. ...and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION:	Arrangements made.
ADULT:	As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING:	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS:	After 9 and 11 Masses
BINGO:	Wednesday 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

From the Office of Communications

In case you were unable to attend the welcome of our new Bishop ... Highlights of Installation of Bishop Povish will be on Channel 6 - WJIM-TV tomorrow night,

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December 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Bishops of United States at meeting in Washington announced they will finance and encourage campaign in every congressional district in country to obtain right-to-life constitutional amendment. Bishops feel strongly that importance of issue overwhelms fears about it becoming a "Catholic" cause. (AP WIRE)

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At Washington Bishops' Meeting, Archbishop Borders, Chairman of Bishops' Education Committee reaffirmed position of U.S. Bishops that a child has right to choose order in which he makes first communion and confession. Some confusion had resulted because of letter to Italian Bishops from Cardinal Villerot. (NC WIRE)

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Parishes of our Diocese have provided real Christmas present for over 150 Vietnamese refugees in last few months ... a new life.

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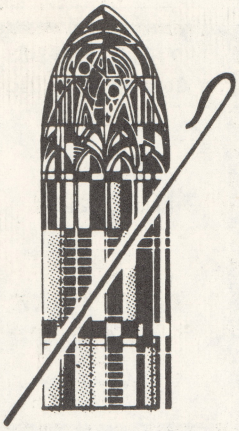
Three young men ordained Deacons for our Diocese on Saturday, December 13. After a year's internship in parishes they will be ordained priests. Congratulations to Mike Kelly of Lansing, Joseph Martinus of Flint, Robert McGraw of Flushing.

Mass Schedule



MONDAY, December 15th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Edward Denoyer, Month Anniv., req. by Lee & Deloris Ossenheimer
- 2:30 p.m. Lucille Jewell, req. by Agnes Schoeb (At Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, December 16th - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
- 5:15 p.m. Msgr. John F. Bradley, Birthday, req. by Marie Stachlewicz

WEDNESDAY, December 17th - Weekday
of Caroline & August Binder Family, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Hanlon, req. by Ralph & Adaline Adams

THURSDAY, December 18th
- 7:00 a.m. Intention of Powers Family

FRIDAY, December 19th
- 7:00 a.m. Intentions of Virginia Sharp, req. by Ben & Mary Lee

SATURDAY, December 20th - Weekday
- 9:00 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
- 5:00 p.m. Mary & George Freeman & Family, req. by the Family

SUNDAY, December 21st
- 7:00 a.m. Alton Perry, req. by Mrs. Vincent Celebrezze
- 9:00 a.m. Kenneth Croff, Sr., req. by his wife and children
- 11:00 a.m. Vincent Celebrezze, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Emil Parre
- 12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners

Financial Barometer December 7, 1975

Sunday Offering	$3,941.76
Hall Renovation	71.00
Human Development	116.00
Immaculate Conception December 8, 1975	$879.00

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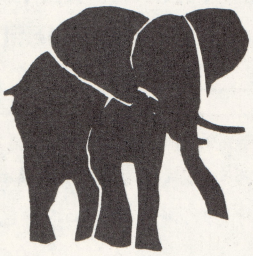
Just two weeks remaining in the "old" year. A good time, right now, to review what you have contributed to the church for 1975. If it isn't what it should be ... why not add St. John's to your Christmas list. Although God loves a cheerful giver, we welcome your support even if your're grouchy!

God bless all our givers ... cheerful or otherwise!!!



White Elephant Sales

On the first Saturday monthly, (2nd Sat. of Jan.), White Elephant Sales are held in the old school building from 10:00 a.m. until Noon with proceeds going to help those who are in need. Mrs. Sharon Hartman and Mrs. Stella Swope are the co-chairpersons who have been keeping this service alive with a great deal of work. We are soliciting helpers for them for the day of the sales or for the Wednesday preceeding the sale when the sorting and pricing of articles donated that month are worked on. Some parishioners did offer this help before realizing that they would not be free for this type of work. If there are any adults or high school students willing to help, please call Sr. Carol at 483-3360 to offer services and to receive details.

Next Sale is January 10th.

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